**Authors of “High Literary Merit”**

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**Drama**

Aeschylus; Edward Albee; Amiri Baraka; Samuel Beckett; Anton Chekhov; Caryl

Churchill; William Congreve; Athol Fugard; Lorraine Hansberry; Lillian Hellman;

David Henry Hwang; Henrik Ibsen; Ben Jonson; David Mamet; Arthur Miller;

Molière; Marsha Norman; Sean O’Casey; Eugene O’Neill; Suzan-Lori Parks; Harold

Pinter; Luigi Pirandello; William Shakespeare; George Bernard Shaw; Sam Shepard;

Sophocles; Tom Stoppard; Luis Valdez; Oscar Wilde; Tennessee Williams; August

Wilson

**Fiction (Novel and Short Story)**

Chinua Achebe; Sherman Alexie; Isabel Allende; Rudolfo Anaya; Margaret Atwood;

Jane Austen; James Baldwin; Saul Bellow; Charlotte Brontë; Emily Brontë; Raymond

Carver; Willa Cather; John Cheever; Kate Chopin; Sandra Cisneros; Joseph Conrad;

Edwidge Danticat; Daniel Defoe; Anita Desai; Charles Dickens; Fyodor Dostoevsky;

George Eliot; Ralph Ellison; Louise Erdrich; William Faulkner; Henry Fielding;

F. Scott Fitzgerald; E. M. Forster; Thomas Hardy; Nathaniel Hawthorne; Ernest

Hemingway; Zora Neale Hurston; Kazuo Ishiguro; Henry James; Ha Jin; Edward P.

Jones; James Joyce; Maxine Hong Kingston; Joy Kogawa; Jhumpa Lahiri; Margaret

Laurence; D. H. Lawrence; Chang-rae Lee; Bernard Malamud; Gabriel García

Márquez; Cormac McCarthy; Ian McEwan; Herman Melville; Toni Morrison; Bharati

Mukherjee; Vladimir Nabokov; Flannery O’Connor; Orhan Pamuk; Katherine Anne

Porter; Marilynne Robinson; Jonathan Swift; Mark Twain; John Updike; Alice Walker;

Evelyn Waugh; Eudora Welty; Edith Wharton; John Edgar Wideman; Virginia Woolf;

Richard Wright

**Expository Prose**

Joseph Addison; Gloria Anzaldúa; Matthew Arnold; James Baldwin; James Boswell;

Jesús Colón; Joan Didion; Frederick Douglass; W. E. B. Du Bois; Ralph Waldo

Emerson; William Hazlitt; bell hooks; Samuel Johnson; Charles Lamb; Thomas

Macaulay; Mary McCarthy; John Stuart Mill; George Orwell; Michael Pollan;

Richard Rodriguez; Edward Said; Lewis Thomas; Henry David Thoreau; E. B. White;

Virginia Woolf